

## OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its regular reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

### OUR LATE ISSUE DUE TO ACCIDENT

THE final page proof of this number of the JOURNAL went astray in the mail, causing confusion, and making delay unavoidable.—ED.

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### NORTH CAROLINA STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

A MEETING will be held in the Olivia Raney Library Building, Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday, October 28, at four o'clock P.M., also Wednesday, 29th, at ten o'clock A.M.

The object of the meeting is to organize a North Carolina State Nurses' Association for the purpose of registration and legislation.

All graduate nurses and all training-schools are urged to take an active part in the discussions.

### RALEIGH NURSES' ASSOCIATION,

W. L. WYCHE, President,  
R. G. HILL, Secretary.

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THIS notice has been mailed to the members of the New York State Nurses' Association:

#### *"To the Members of the New York State Nurses' Association:*

"At the meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association held in Utica the Legislative Committee reported the necessity of having a title by which to designate the nurse in presenting a bill for legislation. It was decided to settle upon some title, and the following were suggested: 'Graduate Nurse,' 'Trained Nurse,' 'Certified Nurse,' 'Registered Nurse,' 'Registered Graduate Nurse.' In order that all members may have a vote, you are requested to state your preference in writing to the secretary before the next meeting on October 21.

" E. C. SANFORD, Secretary,  
" 149 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y."

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### MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

A REGULAR quarterly meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held in Rochester, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 21, at ten A.M. and two P.M., at

the assembly-room of the Nurses' Home of the City Hospital on West Avenue. The West Avenue street-cars pass the entrance to the hospital grounds.

ELIZABETH C. SANFORD, Secretary,  
149 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

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THE following circular letter has been issued to the nurses of Virginia:

*"To the Nurses of the State of Virginia:*

"The officers and charter members of the Virginia Nurses' State Association make the following statement to all nurses of the State who do already (or should) take interest in all things pertaining to professional progress and success:

"The first general meeting of the Virginia State Nurses' Association was held October 10, 1901, in the Nurses' Settlement, Richmond, Va., after being as widely announced as possible beforehand by notices to nurses' clubs, schools, and to individuals.

"The constitution of the three requisite articles—viz., name, objects, and officers—was adopted at this meeting, the by-laws being left to a special committee to prepare and submit at the next general meeting. At this first general meeting Miss Cabaniss was elected president; Miss E. H. Webb, secretary; Mrs. William Glasgow, of Roanoke, corresponding secretary; Miss Underhill, treasurer; Misses Randolph, Farnham, and Lyman, vice-presidents.

"Eligibility for membership was discussed at this meeting, but, apart from graduates of general hospitals for full membership, there was no definite decision. The advisability of associate membership was also suggested. Individual, rather than alumnae or club, membership was agreed upon.

"It must be clearly understood that the work of a State society of nurses is to secure laws which will establish a uniform and definite basis for the practice of nursing, as the State medical societies have regulated the practice of medicine, and, by so doing, to raise the standard of our profession.

"By this means we can prevent dismissed probationers from wearing a school uniform, calling themselves nurses, imposing upon the public, and endangering life. Such women may still be employed, but they can then no longer compete with the graduate nurse.

"We desire all nurses who honor their profession to help. What can they do? First, they must be sufficiently interested to attend the meetings of the association, to become members of the association, and to fully inform themselves of its work and plans.

"Impress patients, physicians, and friends with the importance of the movement. Explain the dangers to patients and wrong to nurses resulting from the present lax methods. Politicians and legislators must be interested in the plan, also members of women's clubs, and all people influential in reforms and educational matters.

"The next general meeting will be held Thursday, October 16, 1902, at the Y. M. C. A. Building, corner Sixth and Main, Richmond, Va., at four-thirty P.M.

"Nurses, as you value the welfare of your profession, which is also your own, let nothing prevent your attendance. "S. H. CABANISS, President.

"E. H. WEBB, Secretary."

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MISS CLARA LINCOLN SHACKFORD, a graduate of the Class of 1899 of the University Hospital Training-School for Nurses, has accepted the position offered

her of superintendent of nurses in the St. Luke's Hospital, Missouri. Miss Shackford was formerly one of the head nurses at her own hospital, but left that position to take up private nursing, and has been engaged in that work very successfully for the last two years. She is an active member of both the University Hospital Training-School Alumnae and the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association, and will be greatly missed in both these societies. Miss Shackford has the very best wishes of her many friends in her new position.

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**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS  
FOR NURSES**

THE society held its ninth annual convention in Detroit at the Convention Hall of the Russell House on September 9, 10, and 11, the council having held its concurrent business meeting on the afternoon of Monday, the 8th, at the Farrand Training-School, at which time the applications for membership were examined and endorsed and the order of business completed.

The first session was called to order at ten o'clock promptly, Mrs. Gretter, the president, in the chair.

Addresses of welcome were given by Comptroller Blades, representing the Mayor of the city, and Dr. J. H. Carstens. The president's address followed, in which the past work of the society was reviewed and the work for the future was outlined. Mrs. Gretter's address was given with much earnestness of feeling and was closely listened to.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved without correction.

Committee reports were heard from the Publication Committee, which had only to remind members that the proceedings of the eighth annual meeting would appear in one volume with the ninth, and from the American Federation of Nurses' Committee. This report was the same as read at the Associated Alumnae Convention in Chicago, and may be found in the July number of the *JOURNAL*. The Committee on Hospital Economics asked to be deferred until the second day's meeting.

Election of new members followed, and the list of names is given as acted upon by the society:

Miss Martha M. Russell, graduate of the New York Hospital, and superintendent of nurses of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Ella Phillips Crandall, of the Philadelphia Hospital, in charge of the Protestant Deaconess' Hospital, Dayton, O.

Miss Annie M. Coleman, of Toronto General Hospital, in charge of the Saginaw General Hospital, Saginaw, Mich.

Miss C. Louise Burdett, of St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y., in charge of the Lying-In Hospital, New York City.

Miss Edith A. Lampman, of Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital, in charge of the Syracuse Homœopathic Hospital Training-School.

Miss Hattie M. Phillips, of Farrand Training-School, Detroit, assistant superintendent of the Home for Destitute Children, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Carrie S. Louer, of Illinois Training-School, in charge of the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Margaret M. Wallace, of Rochester Homœopathic Hospital, in charge of the Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss J. J. Cunningham, of Rochester City Hospital, in charge of the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Fergus, Canada.

Miss Mary L. Keith, of Massachusetts General Hospital, in charge of the Rochester City Hospital, N. Y.

Miss Edith Mayou, of Illinois Training-School, in charge of Victoria Hospital, London, Canada.

Miss Brenda F. Mattice, of Boston City Hospital, in charge of the Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport, Mass.

Miss Charlotte R. Brown, of Boston City Hospital, in charge of Boston Lying-In Hospital.

Miss Jane M. Pindell, of New York City Training-School, in charge of the Metropolitan Hospital Training-School, New York City.

Miss Bertha Erdmann, of St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, in charge of the City Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn.

Miss Jane A. Delano, of New York City Training-School connected with Bellevue Hospital, in charge of the same school.

Mrs. Margaret L. Rogers, of New York Hospital, in charge of the Bridgeport General Hospital Training-School, Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Agnes G. Deans, of Farrand Training-School, Detroit, in charge of Children's Free Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Sophia L. Rutley, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of the St. Luke's Hospital Training-School, San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Ida Millman Tice, of Illinois Training School, in charge of Monroe Street Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Miss N. E. Haight, of Farrand Training-School, Detroit, in charge of the Children's Free Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Elizabeth L. Parker, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of the School for the Blind, Lansing, Mich.

Miss Isabella Cochrane, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of the Home for Destitute Crippled Children, Chicago, Ill.

Miss Bertha May Smith, of Rochester Homœopathic Training-School, in charge of the Barnard Sanitarium, Baltimore, Md.

Miss Maud McClaskie, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of the Woman's Hospital and Infants' Home.

Miss Elizabeth Millspaugh, of the Pennsylvania Hospital, in charge of Nicholls Memorial Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich.

Miss Frances Black, of Rochester Homœopathic Hospital, in charge of the Utica Homœopathic Hospital, N. Y.

Miss Sadie C. Young, of Farrand Training-School, assistant principal of the same school, Detroit, Mich.

Miss Beatrice Stuart Monteith, of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-School, in charge of the same school.

Miss Helen Balcom, of St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, in charge of the University Hospital Training-School, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Elizabeth F. Flemming, of Rhode Island Hospital, assistant superintendent of the same training-school.

Miss Hester L. Page, of Asbury Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., in charge of the Watertown City Hospital, N. Y.

Miss Annie Elizabeth Kirchhoff, of Brooklyn Homœopathic Hospital, in charge of the Trinity Hospital, New York City.

Miss Isabella E. Jewell, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, in charge of the Montreal Maternity Hospital.

Miss Mary G. Thornton, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of the St. Luke's Hospital Training-School, Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. E. G. Fournier, of Farrand Training-School, in charge of Hope Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Miss Gertrude O. Lewis, of Hartford Hospital, in charge of the Litchfield County Hospital, Winsted, Conn.

Miss R. Inde Albaugh, of the Maryland Homœopathic Hospital, in charge of the Grace Hospital Training-School, New Haven, Conn.

Miss Harriett Boss Pearce, of the Rhode Island Hospital, assistant superintendent of the Training-School of the same hospital.

Many of these new members were present.

The papers on "Preparatory Teaching" were taken up.

Miss Nutting's paper in her absence was read by Miss Kelly, and was the same as read in Chicago. Miss Parker sent a paper describing the methods of preparatory work at the Waltham Hospital, which was read by the secretary. Miss Gilmour's paper described the new methods of preparatory work lately adopted in the New York City and Metropolitan Hospitals, and Miss Davis discussed the problem of establishing central preparatory schools. Miss Dolliver's paper did not come to hand in time for this reading.

In the afternoon a most delightful boat-trip on the river was given the society by the Board of Trustees and medical staff of the Harper Hospital. A band played, refreshments were served, and the members enjoyed it to the utmost. In the evening a reception was given by the nurses of the Alumnae Association and the Farrand Training-School in the Swain Home, and this was also a most enjoyable affair. The rooms were full of flowers and plants and nurses in uniform. Members of the Woman's Board and members of the staff received the guests.

At the second meeting the following report of the Committee on Hospital Economics was the first business taken up. It was read by Miss Banfield, the chairman:

"MADAM PRESIDENT, LADIES: I have the honor to report the satisfactory completion of another year of the Special Course in Hospital Economics at Teachers College, Columbia University. As the course continues and develops, new questions naturally arise, and I ask your serious attention on behalf of some of these.

"Ten students were accepted last year by your committee. Of these, two withdrew before the commencement of the student year; of the remaining eight, one was obliged for reasons of health to resign, and one was able to complete the first half year only on account of family affairs which called her home. This left six students to complete the year, namely: Miss Glenn, graduate of Illinois Training-School; Miss Johnson, graduate of the Boston Homœopathic Hospital; Miss Forbes, graduate of the Boston Homœopathic Hospital; Miss Beazley, graduate of the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia; Miss Frazer, graduate of the Cincinnati Hospital Training-School; Miss Fisher, graduate of the New Haven Hospital Training-School.

"At the mid-year, as well as at the final examinations in June, the standing of these students compared well with that of the regular students of the college. They were earnest and industrious, and their instructors spoke well of them in

every particular. This is more to their credit, as the greater number had, it may be presumed, lost the 'student habit,' which makes learning so much easier.

"I should like to emphasize to my committee and to applicants generally the necessity of maintaining the standard set by our students of last year and improving upon it when possible.

"Teachers College is becoming better known every day. It has received large gifts of money during the past year, and next year will raise its students' tuition fees from one hundred dollars to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. The dean informed me that it has more students than it can comfortably find room for; that special students are considerably more trouble than regular students, for special classes have to be arranged for them and extra room made. I asked him whether this meant that he wished the course discontinued at this college, but he said "No, as long as we stood by it, he would stand by us." But the dean also requested that we should conform as nearly as possible to college regulations and be prompt and business-like in our dealings. This I consider a most justifiable and reasonable request, and would ask the assistance of my colleagues in carrying it out.

"I bring this point to your attention, because I wish to make it clear that the continuance of the course, at any rate, at this college, which for many reasons is specially fitted for it, is dependent on the grade of students we send, the way in which we conduct our business, and the interest shown by us.

"This also affects the question of finances,—always of serious import where the support is mainly derived from women who have to earn the money they give. When this course was first started we received half the fees paid by students for tuition, but we had no contract with the college that this should be continued, and now we do not receive anything and have to raise all the money required. Two hundred dollars per annum is paid our instructor in charge of the class for a course in home nursing, given to regular college students, but this we could not oblige her to give or the college to receive.

"The endowment of a chair, say, for fifty thousand dollars would, of course, give our students a 'regular standing,' as our various financial appeals have often put it. But this or any other gift should be made directly through the Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools or their committee constituting the Board of Examiners. This point should be borne in mind, for the public is not yet ready to distinguish the necessity of any definite standard of training.

"At present our balance on June 1, the end of the financial year, was one hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty-two cents and one hundred and fourteen dollars endowment fund in a separate account. Subscriptions amounting to nearly two hundred dollars received during the past year were ten-dollar subscriptions promised in 1900, but not collected. Twenty-one letters were sent out by your chairman, and most of these received a courteous and prompt response. It is possible, however, that many of these subscriptions will not be renewed. A special effort is therefore needed to provide for the salary (an extremely moderate one) of the instructor in charge and the travelling expenses of the visiting lecturers, amounting, with incidental expenses of postage, etc., to about nine hundred dollars per annum. It is only fair to say that these expenses would have been appreciably increased had not the trustees of the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, freely given the services of a stenographer and all office facilities. Necessary correspondence and answers to inquiries have required the writing and copying of at least two hundred and fifty letters, the transcribing and copying of lengthy minutes, and lists and entries of various sorts. This work could not have been

undertaken by your chairman without these facilities, and providing them independently would cost more than our finances permit.

"The secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mr. F. B. Kirkbride, also invited the students to make a visit of two days to Philadelphia at his expense to inspect the hospitals and other subjects of interest. Our instructor, however, thought that as so much more field work was being undertaken this year than last two days could not be spared.

"These things are mentioned in order to show the interest taken by at least one hospital board in the course, and the desirability of extending this interest and knowledge as far as possible, thereby gradually educating the public to the necessity of special training.

"The thanks of the society are also due to the stockholders of the *JOURNAL* and its able editor, Miss Palmer, for the page space given each month to advertising the course and the space courteously allotted for reports and acknowledgments of donations.

"In accordance with a resolution of the members present at the half-yearly meeting an appeal for funds was issued in May last, the cost of printing, etc., being donated by the chairman. This appeal produced two or three editorials in the daily papers, which served as advertisements, but as far as is known to your chairman it shared the fate of many other documents of a like nature in not producing directly any subscriptions in cash.

"The resignation of Miss Lucy Walker as lecturer and member of the committee was received with regret, and Miss M. M. Riddle was appointed in her place. Miss Walker had been a member of the committee since the inception of the course, and has rendered valuable service. A letter of regret conveying a resolution of thanks was sent by the secretary.

"The chairman also received the resignation of Miss Irene Sutliffe on account of ill-health. The acceptance of this has been postponed until the present meeting. Miss Sutliffe has always shown great interest in the welfare and instruction of the students. The loss of her kindly services will be deeply felt.

"Up to the present time eleven students have been accepted for the next collegiate year. They are the Misses Barton, Ferrin, Bliss, Campbell, Moore, Nelson, Black, Heinrich, Jewell, Coleman, Hickox. Of these the Misses Coleman, Jewell, and Hickox have withdrawn, possibly to enter next year, leaving eight candidates whom we expect to matriculate. Miss Alline, instructor, reports that the work for the Charity Organization Society has been of great advantage to the students, and purposes to do even more in this line during the coming year. This work is, however, entirely optional with our students.

"Mrs. Von Wagner talked most interestingly to the students on 'Nurses as Sanitary Inspectors.' Your chairman was written to by the Woman's Health League of a town in New Jersey regarding an inspector for them. A lady who was not a nurse was finally appointed. There appears to be a growing demand in this line of work for suitable women, and it would appear that nurses should be especially fitted for it if they would undertake the small amount of technical training required to make them really valuable.

"Professor Thorndyke, professor of psychology, voluntarily sacrificed part of his time to giving our students a special class in applied psychology during their second half year. This saved them many extra hours of study. His kindness was much appreciated.

"The new classes in anatomy and physiology and methods of teaching, given by Dr. Wood, were greatly valued, and promise to develop even further.

"Where all the professors and instructors were so kind and considerate, it seems invidious to mention any names, but the two above mentioned, being new this year, may perhaps be thought of special interest.

"In conclusion, your chairman wishes to point out the desirability of applicants having held some position of considerable responsibility in a hospital before undertaking this course, or being willing to accept minor positions at average salaries when they leave. The personal equation will, of course, always be the prime factor in this as in other work, but it is noteworthy that the graduate fresh from school or such a position as head nurse of a ward or other minor positions where ultimate decisions did not rest with her, or having added to her school training only that of private nursing, experience shows profits less by the instruction offered than women of wider experience. They do not know what they need. Questions are discussed of the mere existence of which they are ignorant, and this, the instructor informs me, is particularly noteworthy when visiting other institutions. In hospital work perhaps more than in most other vocations, the apprenticeship, which Florence Nightingale says can be found only in the workshop, can only be *supplemented* and made more available by theoretical teaching. We do not *make* superintendents of hospitals or training-schools; we only help them to help themselves. We do not *confer* executive power; we only supply certain definite information which, we hope, enables it to be used without the loss of energy caused by unnecessary friction. The application of the instruction offered can only be afforded in a hospital; therefore the college will never be able to do this. Those who come to us without a record in executive positions have yet to make one when they leave us, and must still be content to fill moderate positions at moderate salaries. They can readily prove that they are worth more and can handle larger responsibilities, and then I believe they will obtain them."

This report was discussed at length, and as a result of the discussion it was agreed that the society as a whole should take more responsibility in the matter, and some modification of the duties of the committee and the powers of the chairman were adopted. Miss Banfield was reappointed chairman, and her committee, with financial and advisory responsibility, was appointed by the president, as follows: Mrs. Robb, Miss Riddle, Miss McIsaac, Miss Maxwell, and Miss Nutting. The society voted two hundred dollars from its treasury for the course, with a possible one hundred dollars later.

The programme was then continued with Miss McIsaac's paper on "Class Clinical Teaching," which in her absence was read by Mrs. Tice, papers on "Discipline" by Miss Twitchell and Miss Stowe, Miss Allerton's account of the New York State movement for legal status, and Miss McMillan's paper on "Examinations and Markings," which was read by title. The members were handsomely entertained at luncheon by Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., and were afterwards conducted over the vast establishment of this firm, visiting the laboratories where vaccine virus, diphtheria, and tetanus antitoxins are made, and the marvellously systematized work-rooms where crude raw materials are converted into the finished drugs and medicaments of all kinds—a visit of intense interest and great educational value.

The third day opened with papers on the "District Nursing of Detroit," by Miss M. E. Smith; "The Training of Nurse-Maids," by Miss Haight; "Post-Graduate Work," by Miss McClaskie, and a paper by Miss Patton, of San Francisco, giving the curriculum of schools on the Pacific Slope, which was read by title. Unfinished business included a letter from Mrs. Fenwick dealing with State

registration as a vital issue and with the approaching meetings in Berlin in 1904.

The fact that the volume of Congress papers was ready was brought before the society. Miss Banfield will take orders for the next three months, and suggests that training-schools and alumnae societies or nurses' clubs wishing to order should as far as possible send one order for as many as are wanted to save time and postage. The price is one dollar and twenty-five cents. Ten cents postage should be sent for a single copy. A number ordered at once can be sent by freight or express.

The election of officers followed; result: President, Miss Giles, Homœopathic Hospital Training-School, Pittsburg, Pa.; first vice-president, Mrs. Gretter; second vice-president, Miss Delano, Bellevue Training-School; treasurer, Miss Alline; secretary, Miss Dock; auditor, Miss Nevins; councillors, Miss Gilmour and Miss Russell.

The next meeting was announced to be held in Pittsburg late in October, and individual notices will be sent previously to each member as heretofore. September was agreed upon as being too early, and the absence of many old members who were unable to come at this time was greatly regretted. Miss Giles was then introduced and greeted the members.

After the usual resolutions of thanks the society adjourned.

The Board of Lady Managers of the Grace Hospital gave a delightful luncheon in the Nurses' Home,—which is of unusual beauty architecturally and artistically,—and a tour through the city and an adjacent park in a special trolley car provided by the Detroit Street-Car Company through the courtesy of Dr. Brodie, of the Harper Hospital staff, completed the day.

Old members present were Miss Giles, Miss Griswold, Miss Pierson, Miss Gilmour, Miss Banfield, Miss Gross, Miss Twitchell, Miss Lucy Ayers, Miss Allerton, Miss Cadmus, Miss Glenn, Miss Lightbourne, Miss Alline.

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#### POST-GRADUATE NURSES' CLUB

CUPID has been busy—very busy—this summer among the post-graduate nurses, six having left our ranks. While extending the best wishes of the society for their future, we hope that with more leisure at their command a greater interest in the alumnae will be exhibited.

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Morrison, which occurred in Midland, Mich., July 26, 1902. Our sympathies are with Dr. Morrison and her little daughter, six years of age.

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#### NEW YORK ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE STUDY COURSE

IT was hoped in this number to publish an outline of the lecture course, but it has been found necessary to defer the final announcement until November. Letters have been received from graduates who expect to be in town during the winter and who are anxious to avail themselves of this opportunity for extending their knowledge of happenings of the day and age made possible for them through the Associated Alumnae. So much for the study course. In addition to these lectures, which all nurses are invited to attend, there will probably be an absolutely social feature inaugurated this year, each society devoting one afternoon some time during the season to entertaining the members of the other alumnae associations. It is only by frequent meetings of this sort that a thorough knowledge of the various projects and aims of the State society may be disseminated

and the interest in and attendance of meetings assured; for one would be much more inclined to endeavor to be present at business meetings if one knew many in the assembly-room, than to go in as an utter stranger unable to differentiate between the different ideas advanced by the leading speakers. Having conversed at an afternoon tea or two with a woman who is swayed as a reed by a stronger mind, one is prepared to refrain from seconding any motion she may voice, feeling quite sure that in another breath she will be voting down her own proposition. We need to become personally better acquainted for our own and the general good.

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**REPORT OF THE CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS AT BUFFALO**

ORDERS for the "Congress Proceedings" should be sent to Miss Maud Banfield, at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. To save expense in expressage, members of organizations would do well to lump their orders. The price of the volume is one dollar and twenty-five cents.

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**ALUMNÆ REPORTS FOR SALE**

THERE are still a number of the July issue of the *JOURNAL* at the publishers' office containing the official report of the annual meeting of the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ in Chicago. These are for sale at the usual price of a single copy—twenty cents.

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**REGULAR MEETINGS**

TOLEDO, O.—The first annual meeting of the Toledo Hospital Alumnæ was held Friday, June 20, 1902. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The amendment to the constitution and by-laws was carried. Letters were read from members unable to be present. The officers for the year are: President, Miss Vivian; first vice-president, Miss Newell; second vice-president, Miss Kegg; secretary, Miss Aileen Turner; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Ellwood. On the evening following the commencement, the members of the graduating class were the guests of honor at a reception given at the Nurses' Home by the Alumnæ Association.

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NEW YORK CITY.—The graduates of the Training-School of the Lincoln Hospital and Home met at their alma mater June 10, 1902, and formed an organization to be known as "The Alumnæ Association of the Training-School of Lincoln Hospital and Home." Constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. M. E. Harris; vice-president, Miss M. F. Barr; second vice-president, Miss I. M. Lightfoot; treasurer, Miss M. W. White; recording secretary, Miss A. S. Henson; corresponding secretary, Miss A. L. Marin. This institution until recently has been known as the Colored Home and Hospital.

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THE Ramsey County Graduate Nurses' Association of St. Paul, Minn., held its fifth annual meeting at the Ramsey County Medical Rooms September 3. Reports of the work for the past year were read. The roll-call now shows a membership of one hundred and one. The officers for the ensuing year are:

President, Miss Wood, of St. Luke's Hospital; vice-president, Miss Hemmens, also of St. Luke's Hospital; secretary, Miss Cannon, of the City and County Hospital, St. Paul; treasurer, Miss Hohnes, of St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION, PITTSFIELD, MASS.—The quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association was held at the Bishop Memorial, September 3, nine members being present. After the business meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Six names have been added to the membership.

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KEENE, N. H.—The members of the Keene-Elliott City Hospital Alumnae have begun holding regular meetings. They are to be congratulated upon their organization with its twenty-three active charter and four honorary members.

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#### MARRIAGES

AT Wanstead, Canada, on July 30, Miss Margaret Haywood to Mr. George Payne, of Toledo, O. Mrs. Payne is a graduate of the Toledo Hospital Training-School, Class of 1898.

#### BIRTHS

AT Columbus, O., on August 30, to Mrs. Benjamin L. O. Tate, a son. Mrs. Tate was Miss Ellen M. Baker, a graduate of the St. Louis Training-School for Nurses of the Class of 1902.

TO MR. AND MRS. L. E. BARNETT, of Raymondvile, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., a son. Mrs. Barnett is a graduate nurse of the Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and was formerly Miss Clara R. Rickard.

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#### OBITUARY

MISS LOUISE M. BURMESTER died at Denver, Col., August 16, in the twenty-ninth year of her age. The cause of her death was tuberculosis, with which she had suffered for sixteen months. Last November she went to Denver in the hope of being benefited by the change of climate, but she continued to fail until death ended her suffering.

Miss Burmester was born in Germany, but had lived in this country for eight years. She came to North Adams a number of years ago and entered the hospital Training-School for nurses, from which she was graduated in 1898. From that time till her health failed she practised her profession in North Adams and was very successful in her work. She was a young woman of the highest character, of genial disposition and sympathetic nature, and was admirably adapted by nature and training for her chosen calling. She was highly esteemed both professionally and personally by the families by whom she had been employed and the physicians whose patients she cared for.

The expenses of the trip to Denver and her care at the institution there were gladly shared by her many friends in North Adams, who were deeply interested in her, and the news of her death brings sorrow to them all. Her only relative in this country is a brother, Henry C. Burmester, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was with her at the time of her death.

At a special meeting of the nurses' alumnae held Tuesday afternoon, August 26, the following resolutions were adopted:

*"Resolved*, That we, the members of the Alumnae Association of the North Adams Training-School for Nurses, mourn our loss and extend our heartfelt